

State of Connecticut
Planning and Development Committee
Public Hearing: March 1, 2013

Re: Proposed House Bill 5102: AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE-WIDE MILL RATE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND AMENDING THE DEFINITION OF ANTIQUE, RARE OR SPECIAL INTEREST MOTOR VEHICLES.

Dear Committee Members:

I would like to express my OPPOSITION to H.B. 5102 for the following reasons.

This bill, I feel, would increase the complexity of local municipal motor vehicle property tax collections which already have a viable system. Local municipalities that live within their means could have their motor vehicle owners punished by increases in taxation. Connecticut's Department of Motor Vehicles also should not be used as a tax enforcement agency for cities and towns; they have enough to do as it is.

The property taxation on hobby/sport motor vehicles should be eliminated in its entirety. No other hobby/sport is so greatly discriminated against by property taxation and registration as the automotive field. The laws are applied unequally and unfairly to automotive hobbyists. No municipality in the state of Connecticut places a property tax or registration requirement on golf clubs, stamp collections, fine art work or other collectables and hobby/sport equipment that I know of. The same people that enjoy these other collectables or sports also use Connecticut roads to get to and from these events with their motor vehicle but aren't burdened with a property tax on these hobby/sports. Automotive hobbyists have daily driven vehicles that they already pay property taxes and registration on. Why should the automotive sport/hobbyists be singled out so unfairly? Please OPPOSE H.B. 5102. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Art Parent